

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 8 and 9 being amended by this Preliminary Amendment.

Claim 1 has been formally amended for purposes of clarity to recite that the longitudinal radiation element has an axis coinciding with the axis of radiation of the electromagnetic waves. This amendment responds to the comments of the Examiner in the Advisory Action regarding clarity of the phrase “element being with an axis coinciding with the axis of radiation”. The amendment also provides antecedent basis for “the axis of radiation”. This feature was originally presented for examination in original claims 8 and 9. Claims 8 and 9 have formally been amended by deleting the term “with axis coinciding with the axis of radiation”.

Rejection of claims 1-7, 9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-7, 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuchs et al.

The present claimed invention recites a source-antenna for transmitting/receiving electromagnetic waves comprising an array of n radiating elements operating in a first frequency band and an element with longitudinal radiation operating in a second frequency band and situated at the center of the array, the longitudinal radiation element

having an axis coinciding with the axis of radiation of the electromagnetic waves. The array of n radiating elements and the element with longitudinal radiation have a substantially common phase center. The n radiating elements are arranged symmetrically about the longitudinal-radiation element, wherein each radiating element of the array consists of a traveling wave antenna.

The present claimed invention is used to obtain two identical radiating diagrams in two frequency bands. The two radiating diagrams present a longitudinal axis of radiation. Thus, with the structure of the present claimed invention, it is possible to use one of the frequency bands for the reception of electromagnetic waves and the other frequency band for the transmission of electromagnetic waves.

Fuchs et al. relates to an antenna system for receiving both terrestrial and satellite radio signals. The signals are each transmitted within a single frequency band. Fuchs et al. discloses the use of two types of radiating elements presenting radiations in perpendicular directions: i) monopole or sleeve dipole having a radiation in the horizontal plane with a minimum in the vertical direction (Fig. 12) and ii) helix or cross dipole having a longitudinal radiation in the vertical direction (Fig. 10). Due to the fact that both radiations are perpendicular, the elements are able to operate in the same band with a good isolation (column 7, paragraph 2).

In Fuchs et al., the monopole 320 or dipole 420 is used for terrestrial radiation and emits transversal radiation as shown in Figure 1. Fuchs et al. neither disclose nor suggest

emission of longitudinal radiation as in the present claimed invention. Fuchs et al also neither disclose nor suggest “an array of n radiating elements operating in a first frequency band and an element with longitudinal radiation operating in a second frequency band” as in the present claimed invention. Fuchs et al. is concerned with receiving signals within a single frequency band, the signals being transmitted both by satellite and terrestrially. In fact, Fuchs et al. are concerned with a completely different situation and problem than the present claimed invention. Fuchs et al. are concerned with vehicle radio systems and the ability to provide continuous reception of radio signals. Fuchs et al. accomplish this purpose by providing a satellite and terrestrial receiver for receiving signals within a single frequency band. Thus, the receiver is able to receive a signal when one of the satellite or terrestrial signals are blocked. This is unlike the present claimed invention which is directed to a system for receiving satellite signals in two different frequency bands, e.g. the C, Ku and Ka bands. Such is neither disclosed nor suggested by Fuchs et al.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is patentable over of Fuchs et al. As claims 2-7, 9 and 12 are dependent on claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for the same reasons as claim 1 discussed above. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 8, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuchs et al as applied to claims 1 and 7 above and further in view of Spencer (5757323) and Chen (6396440).

Spencer was cited to show a longitudinal antenna. Spencer recites a microstrip patch or slot radiating element coupled to a dielectric rod antenna via a tapered tubular dielectric guide formed integrally with the rod. An array of radiating elements may be formed on a substrate and the guide/rod antenna may be arranged to direct the energy radiated from these elements to a secondary antenna.

Chen was cited to show feeding arrangements that may be used to feed helical antennas. Chen discloses a phased array antenna including a plurality of radiation elements, a power supply unit a power distributor, a feed probe, a plurality of electromagnetic coupling units and a plurality of phase shifters. The radiation elements are aligned and arranged to be electromagnetically driven. The power distributor includes a pair of parallel conductive plates and acts as a radial waveguide distributing power to the radiation elements. The feed probe is arranged on one of the conductive plates to radiate an electromagnetic wave into the waveguide based upon the supplied power. The electromagnetic coupling units are arranged on the other conductive plate to extract the electromagnetic wave radiated from the feed probe and propagating through the radial waveguide by electromagnetic coupling. The phase shifters control a phase of

the electromagnetic wave extracted by the electromagnetic coupling units and supply the electromagnetic wave to the radiation elements.

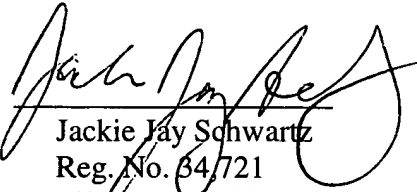
Similarly to Fuchs et al., neither Spencer nor Chen disclose or suggest emission of longitudinal radiation as claimed in claim 1 of the present claimed invention.

Additionally, neither Spencer nor Chen disclose or suggest “an array of n radiating elements operating in a first frequency band and an element with longitudinal radiation operating in a second frequency band” as in the present claimed invention. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Spencer and Chen, when taken alone or in any combination with Fuchs et al., do not make the present claimed invention unpatentable. As claims 8, 10 and 11 are dependent on claim 1 it is further respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for the same reasons as claim 1 discussed above and that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections, it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at the phone number below, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

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